

**EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(FOURTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR SECOND SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 20th NOVEMBER, 2019
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

QUESTIONS

1. **Questions** entered in separate list to be asked and oral answers given.

**CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT
PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

2. **PU LALDUHOMA** to raise a Calling attention to a matter of urgent public importance under Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly regarding import of Animals.

LAYING OF PAPERS

3. **Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy each of the following :
 - i) The Mizoram Khadi and Village Industries Board (Amendment) Regulations, 2017".
 - ii) The Mizoram Khadi and Village Industries Board (Recruitment) Regulations, 2018".
 - iii) The Mizoram KVI Employees (Pension) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019.
 - iv) The Mizoram Clinical Establishments (Registration & Regulation) (Amendment) Rules, 2019.
 - v) Bye Law of the Mizoram Institute of Medical Education and Research 2018.

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 - i) The Mizoram Prevention and Control of Water Pollution (Procedure for Immersion of Idol) Rules, 2019.
 - ii) The Mizoram Wood based Industries (Establishment & Regulation) (Amendment) Rules, 2019.

5. **Er. H. LALZIRLIANA**, to lay on the Table of the House a copy of Statement of Action Taken by the Government against the Recommendations contained in the Third Report of Subject Committee-I relating to Excise and Narcotics Department Government of Mizoram.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

6. **Prof. F. LALNUNMAWIA** to present to the House a copy of the First Report of Subject Committee-II relating to Mizoram Engineering College under Rashtriya Uchchater Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) under Higher & Technical Education Department Government of Mizoram.
7. **PU L. THANGMAWIA** to present to the House a copy of the Second Report on Action taken by the Government on the Recommendations contained in the First Report of Committee on Papers laid on the table.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing

8. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, hon. Chief Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Protection of Interests of Depositors (in Financial Establishment) Bill, 2019.”

ALSO

to introduce the Bill

to move that the Bill be taken into consideration

AND

to move that the Bill be passed.

9. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, hon. Chief Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Transparency in Public Procurement (Amendment) Bill, 2019.”

ALSO

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S.R. ZOKHUMA
Commissioner & Secretary

SPEAKER : *'Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good'.*

Romans 12:21.

We will now take up questions, and to ask Starred Question No. 21, let us call Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department be pleased to state –

When Petrol pump will be installed at Tlabung?

SPEAKER : To answer the question, let us now call hon. Minister, Pu K. Lalrinliana.

PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is –

Installation of Petrol Pump is not the purview of the state government. However, according to IOC authority, it is expected to be commissioned during the financial year of 2019-2020.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from hon. Member, Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Speaker, the nearest petrol pump from Tlabung is 78 kms away. I would like to ask what step has been taken so far in this regard and if priority could be given.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Dr. Vanlalhlana to be followed by Er. Lalzirlana.

Dr. VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. As we all know, gas distribution work is public services but the attitude of the distributors towards the people is very bad. Everyone should provide a scale so that people can use them whenever they like, but none of them used it. I would like to request the hon. Minister to have a discussion with gas agencies regarding this matter. We the MLA's should bear the sufferings of the people and fight for them. Apart from this problem, I want to ask if the department instructed the agencies not to demand a photocopy of gas consumer's card for new connection. The Marketing Discipline Guidelines, 2018 on LPG will be introduced in Mizoram from 1st November 2019. The guideline includes home delivery, the existing cost i.e. ₹825.50 plus ₹7.53 for home delivery. I want to

ask if the department intend to follow these guidelines. And, if the complaint made on liquification of petrol by Mizoram Consumers' Union to the Department in process.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Er. H. Lalzirliana.

Er. H. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My questions to hon. Supply Minister is - We do not have POL Depot in Mizoram, is there any plan for having it and for upgrading the LPG bottling plant we have in Mualkhang or be replaced with other company?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon. Minister to reply questions about gas and of the previous questions.

PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. To answer the Supplementary question from hon. Member, Pu Nihar, they will come between 10 - 15 to December to look at the site and will then submit Letter of Intent. They insisted to open it during this financial year.

Hon. Member Pu Vanlalhlana's question about LPG subsidy has been given a word by the department. If LPG is delivered without subsidy, it may be complained to the concerned distributor or to the department. The problem faced by our fellow MLA regarding gas supply will be taken into account. Necessary actions will be taken on matters regarding the demand of a photo copy of consumers' card.

Regarding liquefied petrol, a committee has been set up with our Home Minister, we also inspect the places and found many evidences with SP and DCSO of Kolasib District. It is still under inspection and we feel that there is a little improvement.

Marketing guidelines about home delivery of gas is still in process. The people of Mizoram are afraid that we cannot accomplish home delivery and shortage of gas will follow. About 20 years ago, I was a member of Consumers' Union and at that time, the delivery rate was ₹6 and now it is ₹25. Consumers need to pay more because the people are afraid. So, we have made an agreement with the distributors and implement a pilot project to various localities. It is known to all that the project is carried out in College Veng. There are number of consumers but only 160 households want home delivery. That is the case, we have an agreement that the consumers should pay more rates at the time being and will soon know the benefits. If the delivery man has 100 bottles of gas to deliver a day, the consumer need not to contribute more amounts. We also initiate Pilot project at Kolasib and the rate is down to ₹55 from ₹70. So, we think we can carry on this project.

The hon. Member Pu Zira's question of any new implementation on gas and oil stockade, oil depot and gas bottling plant, it is still in process. We make plans under the supervision of the hon. Chief Minister; we approached the central and had a meeting with Union Minister, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and reported to him about the issues we faced in Mizoram. He accepts our request by instructing the company to take necessary steps. We have a meeting with IOCL and they observed the proposed place; we aimed to set up a stockade at Sairang - Sihhmui Rail Fed.

The cost of the land is ₹500 to ₹700 per square feet which is higher than expected and thus is difficult for IOCL to pursue the plan instantly. We search another place of plain area and IOCL has a small place in Bairabi. After surveying that place and there are 2 govt. properties in the premise. We may be able to initiate a bottling plant through Road Fed by combining that place and buy one private property. We need at least 750 metres long for Rail Fed and the process needs a long period. So, we first plan to finish Road Fed and prepare for 35 acres wide for gas bottling plant. Our gas plant at Mualkhang is not in a good condition and the security also is not good enough. So, we plan to shift the place at Bairabi. Rail Fed needs a longer period to be a success. We have several meetings with the Oil Company and they even came three times to inspect the area. Hopefully we will have a good bottling plant in a short period of time. The area of our oil depot at Vairengte is very limited and we planned to shift it at Bairabi along with gas plant. For that purpose, we still discuss with the Oil Company. There is a plan for upgrading our oil depot at Vairengte so that we will have more oil even transportation of oil is blocked sometimes.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 22 is shared by hon. Members, Pu Vanlalhlana and Dr. Vanlalhlana. Let us invite the senior one, Pu Vanlalhlana to ask the question.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Starred question to be answered by hon. Minister of Higher & Technical Department:

- a) Nos. of Asst. Professor appointed for different colleges under RUSA in Mizoram in department-wise?
- b) If the newly recruited Asst. Professors under RUSA are posted on the basis of merit system?
- c) If not, what is the criteria for such posting?

SPEAKER : Dr. R. Lalthangliana, hon. Minister.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer to the question shared by hon. Members, Pu Vanlalhlana and Dr. Vanlalhlana is:

- a) Under RUSA, 65 Nos. Asst. Professors are appointed in different colleges in Mizoram.

Department-wise:			
BCA	1	Law	3
Botany	3	Mizo	10
Chemistry	2	Physics	1
Commerce	4	Pol. Science	6
Economics	3	Psychology	1
Education	6	Public Administration	1
English	10	Sociology	1
Geography	6	Zoology	1
Geology	1	Life Science	1
History	1	Hindi	3
TOTAL			65

- b) Asst. Professors appointed under RUSA are posted on the basis of merit at some places. Some of them are posted on the basis of the candidate's residential address. Posting of government servants is under the authority of Competent Authority, we follow that rule. Aside from that, consideration is made to some with health issues.
- c) The answer is same as (b)

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Dr. Vanlaltanpuia

Dr. VANLALTANPUIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to ask the hon. Minister when a regular class will be given in Mizoram Engineering College, Pukpui which is constructed with RUSA fund. What are the main obstacles?

Secondly, I have said in the previous session that the best Engineering College we have in Mizoram is NIT. Is there any steps being taken in this regard? Does the college have a good campus? How is the construction processed?

Dr. VANLALTHLANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. It is about appointment of the College Principals. MPSC announced relaxation of 55% to Master Degree holder up to 5%; if so, Master Degree holder with 50% can apply for this post on the basis of UGC. On the other hand, the Department announced that 55% and above are eligible for this post. Do the Department have a separate rule regarding this or it is so applied as per conveniency?

SPEAKER : Next is Pu C. Lalsawivunga, hon. Member to be

followed by Pu Vanlalhlana

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My supplementary question is- The hon. Minister's speech at *Hnam Run* as seen in the daily newspaper dated the 8th October which stated reemployment of 1305 Nos. Hindi teacher who were terminated by the Human Resource department and that the process would take 2-3 weeks. When will this be initiated and how long it will take?

SPEAKER : Now, Hon. Member, Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Under RUSA, Associate Professors and Asst. Professors are recruited through Public Service Commission. Like our hon. Minister has said, posting is done on the basis of Home/Residential address and some of them on health issues. However, in English Department, a qualified candidate on the merit list with disabilities is posted outside Aizawl or is that person unqualified? No.1's on the merit lists in the department of Commerce, Economics, Geography, Pol. Science etc. were all posted outside Aizawl. On the other hand, No. 5 or No. 4 on the merit lists were posted inside Aizawl. So, I request the hon. Minister to review merit lists of the candidates.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister to answer the questions.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we have divergent questions from the two members; I will first answer Pu Hlana's question.

About posting of employees, it is difficult and not convenient to do purely on merit basis. Every candidate wants to be posted inside Aizawl but that is not possible. In my opinion, we have many colleges outside Aizawl such as Champhai, Siaha, Lawngtlai, Kolasib and Mamit posting high ranking persons at these places might not be of a good idea and we have to consider all of that. (*Pu VANLALHLANA: They appeared the exam, faced interviewed, they are all qualified; if someone is less qualified than the other, is it right to post him/her outside Aizawl?*) My main point is that we have an idea that the 1st position must be posted inside Aizawl and that is not the right mindset.

Anyway, the appointment of these professors under RUSA is numerous and many part-timers are promoted to contract worker; so, the posting is mass posting since there are hundreds of candidates. I believe there might be 1 or 2 mistakes in the process and we hope to improve system.

Dr. Thlantea's question about the qualification for recruitment of professors.

We are very careful regarding this matter and had a meeting with MZU Superiors and then with MPSC; so far, it is carefully done. But there can be some mistakes and we hope there will be a better thoughts and improvements in the future.

The question by Dr. Vanlaltanpuia about Engineering College at Phulpui was discussed in the previous session as well. The previous government build this college and the subject committee visited that place 2 times and came up with proper findings. The main problem is that there is no proper approach road even after completion of the building plus electrification and water connection which had not yet been done. To open the Engineering College, there are various requirements such as faculties, teaching equipment, college equipment, library etc. for which at least 10 crores is needed. We really want to open this institution but we do not afford the expense right now. For the past 5 or 6 years, we had a plan for setting up NIT building at Lengpui but there was a big problem regarding environment clearance on Tlawng River which flows below that area. It was questioned long before the previous government if it violates riverine reserve forest area. This issue reached the government of India and Mizoram Forest and the fine is calculated as 2 crores; a huge problem thus evolved in the process. Since it is not funded by the State government, we cannot take necessary actions. A meeting was held recently with the State Secretary but I did not know the detail reports.

Hon. Member Pu Sawivunga's question about reemploying those terminated 1350 CSS Hindi teachers in the previous government is not initiative of the hon. Education Minister. As a Minister in charge of Higher & Technical Education, this is not my concern. Our hon. Chief Minister and Education Minister have been taking initiatives and there are some achievements. This is not my portfolio but the hon. MLA asked this question and I hope to give the answer some other time. I assume it may be converted to unstarred question, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Any question which may be posed to unconcerned Minister cannot be converted to Unstarred Question. Now, let us call upon hon. Member, Pu VL Zaithanzama to ask Starred Question No. 23.

PU V.L. ZAITHANZAMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Starred Question No. 23 is:

- a) If IT materials are purchased for official use of the Under-Secretary level and above?
- b) If so, how many officers received it?
- c) What is the govt. expenditure on purchasing such IT Materials?

SPEAKER : Hon. Chief Minister, Pu Zoramthanga to reply.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is:

- a) IT materials were purchased for the official use of the Under-Sectary level and above.
- b) 39 Nos. officers.
- c) The govt. spent ₹20,55,795/- for purchase of the said materials.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Pu C. Ngunlianchunga

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, a Nurse posted at Mizoram House has been transferred to Shillong without posting any one in her place. May the replacement be made?

SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Pu V.L. Zaithanzama.

PU VL. ZAITHANZAMA: Pu Speaker, thank you. My question is about the provision of IT materials being made to the Under Secretary and above managing IT equipment as they are old. Maybe because of this many departments do not accept these benefits. How many departments reject these benefits?

I would also like to ask why the government makes such initiatives which incur lots of expenses?

SPEAKER : Let us invite Pu Vanlalhlana, hon. Member to ask supplementary questions.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, the materials have already been provided to 39 officers; if so, how many remains? Computer certificate are demanded in any recruitment of LDC but our officers above the rank of Under Secretary are no longer young to catch up with this newly technology. So, if there is a proof that such officers receiving computer have the knowledge or it is their choice to receive it?

SPEAKER : Let us invite hon. Chief Minister to reply.

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PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. Posting of Nurse at Mumbai Mizoram House is in process and will be done immediately.

In our modern world of digital India, e-governance is initiated and the demand

of IT equipment is intensive among the officers and we have to move along with the policy. Moreover, it is only the government who can give permission to the officers for accessing computer. It will remain property of the government but not for private use. The concerned officer/user will be responsible to any loss or damage to these items. In case of transfer of concerned officer/user, the material is not transferable and should remain for use of the incoming officer. The material is provided only to those in need. It is provided with the condition that replacement should not be made unless it is used for 5 years. If the incumbent wish to purchase used equipment from his office, the price is carefully calculated from the book value and a proper depreciation rate is maintained.

The entitlement is categorized into 1, 2 and 3 groups. Officers under category 1 are - Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary, Commissioner Secretary and Secretary and the purchase should not exceed ₹80,000; Officers under category 2 are - Addl. Secretary, Joint Secretary, Head of Departments and the purchase should not exceed ₹60,000. Officers under category 3 - Deputy Secretary, Join Secretary, Under Secretary and they are entitled to keep the materials not exceeding ₹40,000. The State Election Commission, State Election Commissioner, Secretary and Deputy Secretary are entitled to keep 3 sets of the materials.

We provide 27 Nos. to Secretariat Administration Deptt., 2 Nos. to Sport & Youth Services for the Director and Join Director, 2 Nos. to Aviation Wings for the Principal Consultant and Deputy Controller/Under Secretary, 2 Nos. to Co-operative Society for the Registrar and Deputy Registrar, 3 Nos. to the Police Headquarters totally 39 Nos. for different offices with the total expenditure amounting to ₹2,55,795/-.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon. Member, Dr. F. Lalnunmawia to ask starred Question No. 24.

Prof. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Pu Speaker, thank you. My question to hon. Minister for Health & Family Welfare Department is –

If there is any step being taken to resolve shortage of workers such as Nurse and Lab Technician in various Health Sub-Centre, PHC and Hospitals?

SPEAKER : Let us invite hon. Minister, Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, to answer the question of Dr. F. Lalnunmawia, necessary steps are being taken in resolving shortage of workers in Mizoram Health Sub-Centre, PHC and Hospitals.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu C. Lalmuanpuia to ask Supplementary Question.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My supplementary question is - Is there any plan to set up more ICU rooms at Aizawl Civil Hospital? Pu Speaker, ICU rooms are very limited in the Civil hospital and the people have no choice but rented ICU of private hospitals by spending a lot of money and some even left on death with a huge debt. So, I think having more ICU rooms is a crucial need of the Aizawl Civil Hospital.

SPEAKER : Dr. B.D. Chakma.

Dr. B.D. CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, the only Health Worker we have at PHC of Sub-Centre Borapansuri is being transferred to another place. So, is there any plan to make her replacement? Pu Speaker, we were so thankful on receiving hospital grant for Borapansuri PHC when you were Health Minister. Pu Speaker, Theka valley despite huge population has only one hospital and remain under the maintenance of CADC on PPP mode. But from the answer to Starred Question No. 10, MOU has come to an end from December, 2018 and it is now under the govt. of Mizoram. Who will provide the staff salary?

SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Pu H. Biakzaua.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are:
 i) With the growing number of cancer patients in Mizoram, is there any plan to upgrade Cancer Hospital at Zemabawk?
 ii) In the past, we used to have 1 each of male and female Health Worker at Sub-Centre but we have only one now. So, insufficiency of workers is intensive and opening a clinic centre is sometimes impossible. So, is there any plan to allot 2 Health Workers in Health Sub-Centre as it is done in the past?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon. Minister to reply.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Dr. B.D. Chakma's question on posting of a female Health Worker at Borapansuri and Pu Biakzaua's questions are related. Posting of 2 Health Workers in a sub-centre is abolished recently due to promotion of 82 Nos. Health-Workers during the last 2 or 3 months which affects the system drastically as the promoted staffs need to be posted at the main centre. We are now planning to recruit 200 Nos. Health-Worker which may be done next year.

The case of PHC, Borapansuri is quite complicated and the government also is

determining the case. It is under the maintenance of CADC. And, to speak frankly, CADC did not submit the expenditure report of 2016-17 and 2018-19 which complicated the case even more. It may be noted that the government has carefully examine the case of Lawngtlai and Tuipui West.

Regarding Pu Biakzaua's question on Cancer Hospital at Zemabawk, we received a sanction of ₹44 crore from the central government but we have not received as yet the amount in full. The central government instructed we may use the State's fund for reimbursement later from the Health Ministry which is very difficult to do so for a poor state like us. Chemotherapy machine we have at our Cancer Hospital is about 20 years old and the part for replacement is not available. So, we order a new machine which cost 11 crore and is almost arrive. Having a new machine is not enough but we also need a place to keep it. We are very fortunate that just before the 15th August 2020, 500 crore sanction is made from JICA. We will have a meeting with JICA tomorrow and we hope to make DPR of international standard. At the same time, we received 480 crores for upgrading RIPANS. It may be noted that the State Govt. is not directly interfere in the process but we submit what is needed.

Lastly, the hon. Member, Pu Muanpuia's question regarding ICU at Aizawl Civil Hospital is very important. Aizawl Civil Hospital has very limited ICU beds and we are looking into this matter right now. Hopefully some extra beds may be put in the newly constructed building. Anyway, we also need more workers and the immediately needed equipment. We have a very limited space yet a little space near the main gate and we plan to build Trauma Centre there. We will start the construction with a plan for parking lot at the basement and the upper floor for Trauma Centre. Anyway, this cannot be achieved in a year or so. We also need staff quarter for residential doctor and it is a problem that Nurse is not available when needed.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, our time is very limited and we still have more demands for discussion apart from the questions.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: The hon. Member is right, Pu Speaker. It is the only hospital that the government have; so, I want to mention more of the initiatives being made.

SPEAKER : Let us invite hon. Member, Pu Lalduhoma to ask Starred Question No. 25.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, many people are selected to pursue corn plantation, chickpeas, pineapple, cabbage, etc. separately. Generally, those selected have no idea of furnishing our demand as of registration and their bank account number etc. So, may the hon. Minister explain the system more clearly?

SPEAKER : Pu C. Lalrinsanga, hon. Minister for Agriculture.

PU C. LALRINSANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Under Agriculture Department, some people are selected for initiation of Model Cluster Demonstration under Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yogana (PKVY) Scheme. Farmers who are selected under Model Cluster need to have Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) certification to proof that their agricultural product are of purely organic. So, PGS farmers need to register themselves.

The main aim of Model Cluster Demonstration under PKVY is to produce our plants and fruits without chemical fertilizers. PKVY was launched in 2015 and it is planned to introduce in our state by 2019 or 2020 for three years term. We did Atari under ICAR, Ministry of Agriculture Farmer's Welfare, Govt. of India. We have 11 Nos. Atari in India and we are the 7th Atari. So, this Scheme is done through National Centre of Organic Farming (NCOA) Ghaziabad, Atari Zonal Council 7(Assam, North East). The Central govt. gives importance to organic product and so is our government. Due to the effort of our profound House Leader, we received 1.23 crore for construction of bio-fertilizer unit laboratory at Neihbawih. This bio-fertilizer will be shared as a tripartite by the Department, MZU and ICAR, Zone 7th Atari. If we can go along with that, we will soon have liquid and powder fertilizers for the farmers to use.

The selected beneficiaries will be taken are by ICAR and also by the State Agriculture University, Central Agriculture University and experts we have from KVK. It will produce only of organic products.

SPEAKER : We have an application for Calling Attention Motion from hon. Member, Pu Lalduhoma which is based on rule 59 and is admitted. Let us call upon Pu Lalduhoma to take his time.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. This Calling Attention concern supply of pork. As we all know, imported pig results in spreading flus such as PRRS that kills many pigs and this consequently cause problems for many butchers. So, the government restricted import of pigs from Myanmar but only local pigs are less sufficient to supply the demand. The same problem affects many hotels and restaurants as well.

In Serchhip District, restriction is made not to import any pigs from other districts. Likewise, it is suggestive for the government to post Inspector in the boundary to check illegal import of pigs. If i am not mistaken, import permit is issued only to some people in which I think it is more appropriate to give the permit to any applicant but strict vigilance should be maintained and any of the imported pig should

be certified they are from viruses. I suggest funds should be provided from SEDP to individuals on piggery since projects under the government had failed; and, I believe individuals have a greater chance of success. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Since this is a Calling Attention, it is not appropriate to discuss the matter., I will call upon the concerned Minister, Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. The reason for this Calling Attention moved by the hon. Member is quite important and it makes me realize that even the members are not very clear in this matter.

Our State produce 35% of the meat and the other 65% is imported from outside. The main reason for the scarcity of pigs in our state is due to PRRS. Last year, the Africa Swine Fever also spread in different parts of the world and we also received a notice from the Central Ministry that precautionary measures should be taken in the north-eastern region. So, in pursuance to the notice, instruction was given to every District Magistrate and initiatives was taken based on CrPC 144.

Since the case of ASF was confirm in Myanmar, the Council of Ministers decided a total banned on import of pigs and we received a good cooperation from the concerned department, AH & Veterinary, our District Magistrates, Mizoram Police, Assam Rifles and NGO's. With the coming of Christmas festival in our State, the government is taking necessary steps by giving notice stating that those who want to import pigs should apply for license from AH & Veterinary Department through Directorate of Commerce & Industries Department so that the imported pigs are thoroughly examined at the check gate and should provide a purpose soundness certificate issued by veterinary practitioners. Also, the date and the number of pigs imported should be reported to AH & Veterinary Department. So far 765 Nos. pigs were imported and after getting through necessary examination as notified, they are all certified to be free from any kind of disease. This notice will be effective till the month of January and after this period, steps will be taken as required. All these initiatives are made for the welfare of the people and I appeal to anyone to show our continuous support in this regard. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to Laying of Papers and I will call upon the hon. Minister, Dr. R. Lalthangliana to lay the following papers on the table of the House—

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Pu Speaker, for the information of the hon. House, I would like to read out the notification issue on the 4th of October, 2019, “Consequent upon the resolution of the 50th meeting of the executive council, Mizoram University dated 19th July, 2019 and subsequent letter from Secretary, Board of Governor, Medical Council of India 9th September 2019. It is hereby notified that Mizoram University has officially noted the change in the name of its affiliated medical college as Zoram Medical College from Mizoram Institute of Medical Education Research (MIMER)”. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The copy may be distributed. I will now call upon the hon. Minister, PU TJ Lalnunluanga to lay, “The Mizoram Prevention and Control of Water Pollution (Procedure for Immersion of Idol) Rules, 2019” and “The Mizoram Wood based Industries (Establishment & Regulation) (Amendment) Rules, 2019” on the table of the House.

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SPEAKER : The copy may be distributed.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the number of papers laid is five but the copies distributed is not five.

SPEAKER : Each copy of papers laid by the hon. Minister, Dr. R. Lalthangliana and the hon. Minister Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga may be distributed.

Now the hon. Member Er. H. Lalzirliana to lay “The Statement of Action Taken by the Government against the Recommendations contained in the Third Report of Subject Committee-I relating to Excise and Narcotics Department Govt. of Mizoram” on the table of the House.

Er. H. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, with your permission, I lay the Subject Committee-I, “Statement of Action Taken by the Government against the Recommendations contained in the Third Report, 2019 - 2020 to relating to Excise and Narcotics Department, Govt. of Mizoram” on the table of the House.

SPEAKER : The copy may be distributed. Now, the hon. member Dr. F. Lalnunmawia, Chairman of Subject Committee-II to present “The First Report of Subject Committee-II relating to Mizoram Engineering College under Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) under Higher & Technical Education Department, Govt. of Mizoram” on the table of the House.

Prof. F. LALNUNMAWIA : Pu Speaker, with your permission, I lay “The First Report of Subject Committee-II relating to Mizoram Engineering College under Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) under Higher & Technical Education Department Government of Mizoram” on the table of the House.

SPEAKER : The copy may be distributed. Now, the hon. Member, Pu L. Thangmawia, Chairman of Committee on Papers Laid on the Table may present “the Second Report on Action taken by the Government on the Recommendations contained in the First Report of Committee on Papers Laid on the Table”.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Pu Speaker, with your permission, I lay on the table of the House, “The Second Report on Action taken by the Government on the Recommendations contained in the First Report of Committee on Papers Laid on the Table”.

SPEAKER : The copy may be distributed. Now, the hon. Chief Minister, Pu Zoramthanga appeal the House to introduce “The Mizoram Protection of Interest of Depositors (in Financial Establishment) Bill, 2019”.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission, I appeal to introduce “The Mizoram Protection of Interest of Depositors (in Financial Establishment) Bill, 2019”.

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister had appeal to introduce his Bill. So, do we agree? Since there is no objection, the hon. Chief Minister may introduce, “The Mizoram Protection of Interest of Depositors (in Financial Establishment) Bill, 2019” in the House.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, this Bill protects the interest of the depositors and any fraud company from scamming the people of their money and the company are compelled to pay back the amount invested along with the interest. Though the Mizoram Protection of Interests of Depositors Act had been passed in 2002, amendment had been made in 2011 and 2018, it is still not satisfactory. So, our experts decided that it should be drafted from the beginning and as suggested by the Reserve Bank of India, this new Bill is drafted while consulting the Assam Protection of Interest of Depositor in Financial Establishment Act, 2000 and is now introduced in the House.

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister has moved his Bill and we will now start our discussion. Each member will have 5 minutes and the hon. Member, Dr. Vanlalhlana will start.

Dr. VANLALTHLANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker, I believe corrections need to be made in Section 2 clause G, Companies Act, 1956 and since this Act had been amended, I believe it should be Companies Act, 2013.

SPEAKER : Page number, please?

Dr. VANLALTHLANA : Section 2, Clause (g), the third line. I am very interested in this issue and I have also taken initiatives in this kind of matter before and would like to suggest that our Police need intensive trainings on this matter. I have encountered many fraud companies and with the help of this Bill, I have awareness on savings and investments. If the rate of interest provided by the company is high, we should be aware that the risk is very high in such matters. So, I will conclude by stating my support in passing this Bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga.

Dr. ZR. THIAMSSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. This Bill is very important and many have been a victim of fraud companies and I too have been one of them. They produce documents from SBI and for some who cannot spare enough time to go the bank tend to fall into their prey very easily. So, I suggest we should make people more aware of these matters and I express my support in passing this Bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I express my support to all the Bills presented by the hon. House Leader. This Bill States that SP may conduct an enquiry even before DC provide no objection certificate and then be referred to Securities and Exchange Board of India, RBI and others. This Act will prevent fraud companies from conning people but a complain should be submitted to the Government within 90 days and anticipatory bail could not be availed. We have often face fraud companies selling different policies in our State and I too had a problem while I was an MP.

I think this Act related to the Mizoram Employment Agency Act, 2015 as Clause 4 (3) of this Bill states that ‘within and outside the State’. Here, we have to consider what does it mean by ‘outside the States’ refers to and if we will be able to have jurisdiction outside our States as this may also mean the whole world.

Many youths face this problem in the recruitment of Merchant Navy as there are some companies recognized by the State but not by the Ministry of Overseas India Affairs. Thus, DG Shipping does not approve some Institutes and Academy who sends many youngsters to different areas but face the problem in placements etc. So, Zofa Society of Emirates conducted a press conference this month publicizing the owner of such fake Institutions and Academy. So, it is important that our State Government and the Youth Commission give attention in this regard.

I am glad that we are discussing this kind of Bill and we should give much effort in the enforcement and awareness in this regard. This Bill may also apply to the Money Lenders Reputation Rules and if possible, we may repeal the rules as this it could cover all the points I have mentioned. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Member Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. We receive this Bill and other Bills on Saturday night and here we are discussing it on Wednesday; if we had received the copy earlier, we would have ample time to carefully study the subject matter. If we are to replicate the Assam Protection of Interest and Depositor in Financial Establishment Act, 2000, the arrangement of the chapters is very different as the Assam Act includes 16 sections while we have 24 sections here in our Bill. Anyway, this Bill will protect us from scammer since there has been many incidents not only in our State, but also in other States as well. So, I will conclude by stating my support in passing this Bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I call upon the hon. Chief Minister to wind up discussion on this Bill and to appeal to the House to pass this Bill. Thank you.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the reason for the late submission of our Bill is due to change of our Governor and I request the understanding of the House of this situation. This Bill will protect us from scammers, it will also act as a warning and awareness for the people as well. Initiative will be taken to make the rules well-defined and if it has to be amended will be made from time to time. So, I appeal the august House to pass ‘The Mizoram Protection of Depositor (in Financial Establishment) Bill, 2019.’ Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister had appeal to pass the Bill; and, those in favour to pass this Bill may say, “Aye” and those who oppose may say, ‘No’. Since there is no objection, The Mizoram Protection of Depositor (in Financial Establishment) Bill, 2019” is unanimously passed by the House.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Moving on to the second Bill, the hon. Chief Minister may appeal to introduce, “The Mizoram Transparency in Public Procurement (Amendment) Bill, 2019”

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission, I beg to introduce, “The Mizoram Transparency in Public Procurement (Amendment) Bill, 2019” in the hon. House.

SPEAKER : Do we all agree? If so, the hon. Chief Minister may introduce and move the Bill.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. With your permission and of this august House, I introduce and move “The Mizoram Transparency in Public Procurement (Amendment) Bill, 2019.”

Since this Bill is an amendment, the following points needs to be amended such as–

1) Under Section 2, the term ‘goods’ will be expanded as ‘goods and any other goods as defined under the General Financial Rules.’

2) Under Section 7, regarding the tender Bulletin Officer, it is defined more clearly as, ‘Director, I & PR may be appointed as Tender Bulletin Officer for all departments’ and ‘Deputy Commissioner’ is explained as “District Information & Public Relations Officer’. So, Section 8 (i) and (ii) will be omitted.

3) Under Section 10 ‘Tender Scrutiny Committee’, there is a slight alteration which states that “Tender accepting authority shall constitute a Tender

Security Committee consisting of such person or persons as it may deem fit to scrutinize the tender, the member of the Tender Scrutiny Committee may defer from case to case depend upon the nature and procurement.”

4) Under Section 11 of the ‘Opening of Tender’, amendment is made as, ‘Procuring authority may authorize the Tender Scrutiny Committee or any other officer to open the tenders and draw the list of tenderers responding to the notice inviting tender in this case.’

It was suggested that changes should be made in Section 13 as “The tender accepting authority shall, after following such procedure as may be prescribed pass ordered accepting the tender together in comparative analysis and reasons for accepting tender. It provided that where tender accepting authority consist of a single officer with due to retire within the next six months from the date fixed for its acceptance for tender shall not act to accept the tender without obtaining prior approval of the Government”.

I opine there will be more transparency if an amendment is made this way. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister has moved his bill and we will start discussion for this bill with 5 minutes assigned to each participant. Let us now invite Pu Vanlalhlana to start the discussion.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to mention just two points regarding this amendment bill. I believe an explanation for ‘goods’ as defined by General Financial Rules should be included in Amendment Section 2 (b).

Also, the bill states that tenders should be published at State tender bulletin or District tender bulletin. However, this was included in the omission Section 8 of the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Pu B.D. Chakma.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would be grateful if another copy of this bill is distributed as this copy do not even have serial numbers.

It is stated in the Amendment Section 10 that minimum tender amount would be 20 lakhs. However, there is no specification for tender amount under this amendment. It would be more convenient if there is specification of the amount.

Under section 13 of the Amendment Bill, there is disadvantage in our

practicing norm of selecting the lowest bidder in the procurement of essential items; be it fish seeds or other items. This, I can say as I had experience as an MOS (fisheries). The present norm makes a compromise between quality and quantity. It is therefore suggested that a written bill be present to counter this.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, what our member recommends is a see-through bill for procurement of essential items required. A clause under 'exemption' is a wide door for corruption such as in handling floods in some states. Some departments and officials are quite adept at twisting provisions of rules. In this connection, we would like to know how procurement of some essential items were done by one of the Assembly Committees.

SPEAKER : We now invite the hon. Chief Minister to wind up the discussion.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, firstly, section 8 was omitted as we want to empanel it in the Rule.

About procurement of some items by one of the Assembly Committees, requirement of prior permission was highlighted as various hindrances could come such as expiration of period of acquirement after all formalities was in ready or the officer in charge had gone on retirement by the time things were in ready.

This has been an issue for PWD as well and court cases have also been registered. From our experiences, we have learnt that selection based purely on lowest bidder is inadequate. Hence, amendment is required and moved. Transparency is also what the public expected. I therefore request this House to pass the amendment bill.

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister had moved "The Mizoram Transparency in Public Procurement (Amendment) Bill, 2019". The members of this House are in agreement and has unanimously passed the bill.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : We have concluded our business for today. We will resume our sitting tomorrow at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned. (1:17 P.M.)